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SUBJECT: THANK YOU LETTERS FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTERS TO ADDRESSEES ASAP.  
SIGNED ORIGINALS BEING POUCHES SEPARATELY.

(A) QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I WANT TO EXPRESS MY  
GRATITUDE FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY AFFORDED ME BY YOU  
AND YOUR COUNTRYMEN DURING MY VISIT TO LIBERIA. MY WIFE  
NANCY GREATLY APPRECIATES YOUR GIFT OF THE LOVELY AND  
UNIQUE IVORY JEWELRY, AND I WAS MOST PLEASED TO RECEIVE  
THE HANDSOME CARVED IVORY TUSK.

MY VISIT TO MONROVIA HAS BROUGHT ME AN EVEN GREATER  
APPRECIATION OF THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO  
COUNTRIES. I AM IMPRESSED BY THE DESIRABILITY OF STRENGTH-  
ENING OUR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
LIBERIA, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH  
YOU ON THIS AND OTHER IMPORTANT TOPICS DURING YOUR VISIT  
TO THE UNITED STATES. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER.

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HIS EXCELLENCY, WILLIAM R. TOLBERT, JR., PRESIDENT OF

THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, MONROVIA. UNQUOTE.

(B) QUOTE DEAR MR. MINISTER: AMONG THE PLEASANT MEMORIES OF MY RECENT AFRICAN TOUR ARE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE LIBERIAN NATIONAL CULTURAL TROUPE AND MY INVESTITURE AS AN HONORARY TRIBAL CHIEF AT ROBERTSFIELD. I GREATLY ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITIES THOSE EVENTS AFFORDED TO PARTICIPATE IN LIBERIA'S CULTURAL LIFE, AND I WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION OF THESE ACTIVITIES. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. HIS EXCELLENCY, EDWARD B. KESSELY, MINISTER OF INFORMATION, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, MONROVIA. UNQUOTE.

(C) QUOTE DEAR MR. MINISTER: THE WARM WELCOME I RECEIVED IN LIBERIA LIVED UP TO THE PROMISES YOU MADE IN NEW YORK WHEN WE FIRST DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT. I REALIZE THAT YOU TOOK A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MY STAY, AND I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE HOSPITALITY WITH WHICH WE WERE RECEIVED. I AM PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WAS ABLE TO ADJUST TO THE SCHEDULE CHANGES REQUIRED IN FRAMING SUCH A COMPLEX ITINERARY.

I AM GRATIFIED BY THE PROGRESS MADE ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST SINCE OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING, AND I AM CONFIDENT THERE WILL BE FURTHER PROGRESS TO NOTE BY THE TIME WE NEXT MEET. UNTIL THAT TIME, WHICH I TRUST WILL BE SOON, PLEASE ACCEPT MY GREETING AND THANKS. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. HIS EXCELLENCY, C. CECIL DENNIS, JR., MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MONROVIA. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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